

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office indicates that the present application is directed to the following inventions:

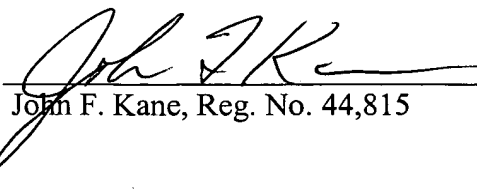
- I. Claims 1-9 drawn to a composition comprising an extended release tablet;
- II. Claims 10-12 drawn to a method of making a composition comprising an extended release tablet.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention of Group I with traverse. The Office action indicates that the inventions are in separate classifications, thereby increasing the burden of search on the Examiner. However, the classification as set forth in the Office action is identical for the two inventions and, therefore, applicant submits that the Examiner would not be unduly burdened by examining both sets of claims. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

The claims have been amended to correct minor errors and to provide additional claims to various aspects of the invention. Claims 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 have been amended to correct minor errors. Claims 10-12, in accordance with the present restriction requirement, have been withdrawn. Claims 13 and 14 have been added and are directed to additional aspects of the invention. Accordingly, claims 1-14 are now pending in this application after entry of the foregoing amendments with claims 10-12 being withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and favorable action on the merits is requested. Any questions concerning this application may be directed to applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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